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Peter T. O'HEERON, et al..

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 15, 2003

Dear Examiner Thaler:

This correspondence is being filed as a full response to the Office Action of October 15, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the appended remarks.

This response is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

A check in the amount of \$385.00 is attached to satisfy the RCE fee.